

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Oakland House,
Victoria Road,
West Hartlepool.

7th July, 1950.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health and vital statistics of your area for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

Estimated population of your district - 8,250

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	Males	Females	Total	Birth Rate
Live Births - Legitimate	72	60	132	16.9
Illegitimate	3	1	4	
	<u>75</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>136</u>	
Still Births - Legitimate	3	-	3	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	
Infantile Deaths -				
Legitimate	3	3	6	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	

Rate per 1,000 births - 42.6

The birth rate of 16.9 per 1,000 of your population compares with a rate of 16.7 for the country as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 42.6 is higher than for 1948 when it was 5.7 per 1,000 births.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the country is 42.6 per 1,000 births.

Death Rate 11.9 per 1,000

A death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 compares with one of 11.7 for England and Wales.

DISEASE

	Cases Notified	Cases removed to hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	2	2
Chicken Pox	2	1	1
Pneumonia	9	1	2
Erysipelas	2	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	24	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1
Measles	11	1	1
Total	53	3	3

Age Groups of Attack

	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Chicken Pox	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	4	9
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ophthalmia												
Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	4	6	3	7	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	24
Encephalitis												
Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	1	4	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	11
											Total	53

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5-15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15-25	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45-55	-	1	-	-	-(Age unknown)			-
55-65								
and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	2	-	2	-	-

Fifty-three cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, that is less than one third of the number notified during 1948. Only three cases required admission to hospital. It is gratifying that we have again had no cases of diphtheria notified during the year.

Seventy-three children were immunised against diphtheria during 1949. The Publicity Campaign seems to have been successful because only twenty-five were notified in the previous year.

Fever Hospital Arrangements Cases of infectious disease were admitted to the West Hartlepool Isolation Hospital and Stockton Isolation Hospital.

Laboratory Facilities Complete laboratory services for pathological specimens are now readily available at Stockton and West Hartlepool.

Ambulance Facilities Complete ambulance facilities for the area for all classes of cases have been provided by the County Council during the year.

Water Supply and Drainage	Closet Accommodation
Public Cleansing	Camping Sites
Eradication of Bed Bugs	Housing

are dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in his report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient servant,

G. S. MATHER

M.B., Ch.B.(Aberd.) D.P.H.(Cantab.)
Medical Officer of Health.

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STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR for the
year ended 31st December, 1949

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stockton Rural District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended
31st December, 1949.

WATER SUPPLY

With few exceptions water is supplied throughout the area
by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepool Gas and Water
Company and these supplies have been of good quality.

In all cases where there is a mains supply, water is laid
direct to the houses, none being served from standpipes.

A new 6" main was laid from Naisberry to Hart Village by the
Hartlepool Gas and Water Company to augment the Hart supply and
an extension to the main was made from Whinney Hill to Fox Hill,
Sadborge by the Tees Valley Water Board.

The only parishes without a piped water supply are Newsham,
Brierton, Claxton, and Elwick Hall.

DRAINS AND SEWERS

Generally these have been satisfactory throughout the
District. Periodical flushing of the sewers in all parts of the
district was necessary owing to the lack of rainfall.

New sewers were constructed in the parishes of Whitton,
Dalton Piercy and Longnewton to take the drainage from the new
housing estates.

A new sewer was constructed at Croft Road, Egglecliffe,
the old sewer having collapsed in several places.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

The Sewage Disposal Works at Carlton, Stillington and
Newton Bewley have worked satisfactorily.

Schemes for new Sewage Disposal Works and new sewers in the
parishes of Elwick, Hart, Dalton Piercy, Greatham, Whitton,
Redmarshall, Thorpe Thewles (Grindon), and Longnewton were
submitted to the Ministry of Health and a Public Enquiry was held
in the offices of the Council.

Authority for proceeding with the work has not yet been
received.

The Septic Tanks in the parishes of Hart and Elwick, which
were constructed as a temporary measure have had constant
attention to obviate any possible danger to health.

The gravity of the situation caused by the delay in getting
the new sewers and disposal works constructed in the various
villages has been reported in previous annual reports.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of refuse in the whole area is carried out by the Council's own employees. With two wagons and only four men, that being two men to each wagon, this work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, every house having a weekly collection.

The total number of conversions from ash pits to bins was 140.

Several conversions to the water carriage system were made.

Frequent rat disinfection is carried out at all refuse tips.

HOUSING

During the year 38 Council houses have been built and occupied, these being 8 at Longnewton, 8 at Hart, 10 at Carlton, 8 at Whitton and 4 at Newlands Road, Egglecliffe.

During the year 14 houses have been built under private licence within the area.

Preliminary notices were served on owners of many houses. All but three have been complied with.

Demolition notices were served on the owners of two houses at Hart Village. In both cases the repairs and alterations submitted by the owner were accepted and the work done made the houses fit for habitation.

Constant repairs are having to be done to the huts at the various ex-army Camps, some of these repairs are necessary because of wilful damage.

WATER SAMPLES

Water samples were taken from farms and houses and after the owners had received the Analyst's reports remedial action was affected.

REGISTRATION OF SHOPS TO SELL ICE CREAM

Shops in most villages have been registered to sell packed ice cream.

CAMP SITES

No. of sites which were used for camping purposes during 1948.

No. of sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Estimated number of campers resident during the summer season.

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Nil

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ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Number of Council Houses infested	Nil
Number of other houses infested	3
Number of other houses disinfested	3

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. T. BROWN

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor

Cromer Lodge,
Yarm Lane,
Stockton-on-Tees.

10th July, 1950.

